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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Brigade Policy Letter #13 – POV Safe Operations**

1. This memorandum provides guidance for the safe operation of Privately Owned Vehicles (POVs). It is directive in nature and should be considered as such. Failure to follow this policy may result in loss of your civilian driving privileges while assigned to the 130<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade. Additionally, if as a result of an accident it is determined that a soldier's actions were not in the Line of Duty, he/she may be found liable for said actions.
2. **SEAT BELTS.** The 130<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade standard is to "always wear the seat belt" as required. Wearing a seat belt is not an option, it's the law. For a first offense, UR 190-1 requires a mandatory seven day POV license suspension for a service member charged with failing to wear a seat belt or failing to require passengers to wear a seat belt or restraining device.
3. **RECKLESS DRIVING.** Each of us is responsible to operate our POV in a safe manner. I expect nothing less. The roads we must travel are too congested to do otherwise. Everyone must be aware that reckless driving eventually leads to unnecessary damage, license suspension, and worse, the loss of one of our soldiers or dependents.
4. **DRINKING AND DRIVING.** The German law minimum alcohol-blood level for a DUI citation is now 0.05g, lower than the Army standard. Commanders must inform personnel of this standard and the consequences of drinking and driving. You must advise them that this act affects everyone—those who drive while intoxicated, their families, and their potential victims.
5. Past behavior can indicate that a particular soldier is a candidate for a POV accident. Traffic offenses, alcohol abuse, or other negative behavior can mean a soldier is "at risk" and must be counseled. If necessary, proactive measures must be taken to change behavior. To help do this, commanders must become familiar with and use the POV Risk Management Toolbox.

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